

## AMENDMENT

### Specification:

Applicant hereby requests replacement of the first paragraph on page 1 entitled Claim of Priority with the following Claim of Priority:

#### "Claim of Priority

This application is a divisional application from U.S. Serial No. 10/145,682 (filed May 14, 2002) which is a continuation-in-part to U.S. Serial No. 09/902,208 (filed 09 July 2001), which is a continuation-in-part to U.S. Serial No. 09/414,136 (filed 07 Oct 1999), now U.S. Patent No. 6,258,779 (issued 10 July 2001), which is a continuation-in-part to U.S. Serial No. 09/149,878 (filed 08 Sept 1998), now U.S. Patent No. 5,994,298 (issued 30 Nov 1999), which is a continuation-in-part to U.S. Serial No. 08/993,432 (filed 18 Dec 1997)."

In addition, please delete the paragraph commencing on page 37, line 2 and replace with the following paragraph:

"1. Incubation Mixture: 700  $\mu$ g of fetuin (0.2ml; as prepared by the method as described above in Section 4A) was incubated with 0.5 ml of 0.1 M EDTA for approximately one (1) hour."